

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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**All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish**

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## Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 19 July, 2015

		<u>Mass proper</u>			<u>Intention</u>
Sat	18		Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun	19	<b><u>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u></b>		10.00 a.m.	<i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>
		Gospel: Mark 6:30-34	Mass Book p.109	12 noon	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Mon	20	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Julie Cowell, R.I.P</i>
Tue	21		[Mass at St Mary's House]	8.15 a.m.	-
Wed	22	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs	23	<i>St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>James Mulcahy, R.I.P</i>
			Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7.00 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls &amp; dec'd members of FOSS</i>
Fri	24	<i>Feria</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sat	25	<i>St James, Apostle and Martyr</i>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
			Vigil Mass	7.00 p.m.	<i>In Thanksgiving (MS)</i>
Sun	26	<b><u>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</u></b>		10.00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		Gospel: John 6:1-15	Mass Book p.112	12 noon	<i>For vocations to the Priesthood</i>

**Confessions Saturday 10.30 – 11 a.m. & 6.15 – 6.45 p.m. & at call**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.50 – 9.50 a.m. before weekday Mass**  
**Tea & Coffee after our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us down in the hall for this.**

### THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

Every page of the Bible shows that God cares and above all we discover how much he cares for his people. In the first reading the prophet Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties. They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But we hear that God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership. He himself will be the good and faithful shepherd. This ties in with the gospel. In Jesus we see the Good Shepherd in action. First we see his concern for the Twelve who need a rest and then we see his concern for the people who come to him as 'sheep without a shepherd' and whom he then teaches at length. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action, love which is shown in its greatest way in the Cross. God bless you this week.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Rebecca Rodriguez Vlaar and Magnus Vincent Ray Wood who became children of God this Saturday.

Last Sunday's Collection: £519.54, Sea Sunday: £194.86  
 The second collection next week will be 'A Day for Life'

### 'REJOICE' EVENING this week

You are warmly invited to Rejoice! On Saturday 25th July 2015, Sacred Heart parish room, Norton Road, Hove BN3 3BF. Refreshments from 7.00pm with a 7.30pm start. Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in the church. This is a donation only event but your donation would be welcome! There will be praise & worship and a short talk on "How to Pray" from David Matthews and an opportunity for prayer ministry. All welcome.

### Message From our Bishop, Richard Moth

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an email to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website [www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found in the porch and on the Church notice board.

*"The purer you are the more you receive" St Ephraim*

## PARISH DIARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesdays	3-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Bible Study & Prayer Group	Luke Fernandes, 556927
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Sat 25 July	11.15 am	Church	Baptism of Aoife Miller	

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish, or family members, who need our prayers at this time: Sarah Baxter, Lorna Briggs, Anne Chandler, Mary Connett, Harry Cross, Linda Cullen, Paul Green, Claire Hill, Tracy Larratt, Monica McLauchlan & Terry Rodrigues.

**PILGRIMAGE** - to Aylesford Priory, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The Kent & Sussex Ordinariate have organised a Pilgrimage on the Feast of St James ( Patron of Pilgrims). For more info see leaflet in porch or go to [www.ordinariate.org.uk](http://www.ordinariate.org.uk)

### MASS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMS NOT TRAVELLING IN 2015 – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August

If you normally travel to Lourdes, but are not able to be there this year, a Mass is being held for pilgrims to get together and experience some of the atmosphere and Friendship of the Pilgrimage. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whiteways Lane, Rottingdean, BN2 7HB at 10am, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August. If you are intending to attend, please call/text Andrew Harvey (after 7pm weekdays or anytime wknds) on 07736 930849, or email [andrewjharvey1@gmail.com](mailto:andrewjharvey1@gmail.com). Thank you.

### Teenage Summer Week @ Worth Abbey

10-16 August. A Summer Retreat Week for young people aged 14-17 (Currently in school years 9-12). An opportunity to explore the creativity of God, the promises he has made us, especially in the scriptures, and to discover our innate ability to be creative. The week will also include: sport, talks, discussions, participation in the Monks' prayer, camp fires, night prayers, picnics, lots of good food, silly games and time in the quiet garden. Please email [mary\\_hunt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mary_hunt@hotmail.co.uk)

### Summer Retreat for Young Adults

Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, 26-30 Aug 2015. For young adults (18-35). The theme for this year will be Friendship with Christ, in Christ, and for Christ: the call to a deep communion with God – exploring ways to delve deeper into prayer and the spiritual life – and the call to a deep communion with each other and for others. Talks, Prayer & Reflection Space, Mass and Divine Office, Friendship & enjoying the summer! £120 (Student/unwaged) and £150 (waged). For more info and/or book, contact: [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net)

### Diary Date : Christmas Fair 28<sup>th</sup> November

It is only July but it is also jam making season. Could you make an extra jar or 2? Or provide some sugar? There will be a box in the porch. Also if you're driving abroad & bring wine back, could you bring an extra bottle for the fair? If there is a particular stall that you would like to run either again or for the first time could you let either Eve or Tess know. Thank you

### FROM THE SAINTS

*'Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in his love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to his dear hand, and he will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, he will carry you lovingly in his arms.'* (St Francis de Sales)

**EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2015** (Sharing the Catholic Faith in the Modern World). 31 July - 2 August 2015. Registration is open for the eighth Evangelium weekend residential conference at the Oratory School, near Reading, on the theme of explaining the Catholic faith in the modern world. The conference is intended especially for young Catholics age 18 - 35. Mass will be offered by Bernard Longley the Archbishop of Birmingham, and the event is also sponsored by the Catholic Truth Society. For further information, see [www.evangelium.co.uk](http://www.evangelium.co.uk) or contact [evangeliumproject@gmail.com](mailto:evangeliumproject@gmail.com) or call 01834 812643.

**MARRIAGE CARE** Marriage Preparation Providers. Do you value marriage? Do you see Marriage Preparation courses for couples as worthwhile? In Marriage care we are looking for volunteers to be trained in the delivery of our Marriage Preparation Courses in the Brighton Deanery & surrounding parishes. Helping to deliver this important service at the outset of people's marriage journey together. If you are interested in volunteering have a look at our organisation online at [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) & then please get in touch with us. You can email us at [brighton.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:brighton.admin@marriagecare.org).

### Catholic Certificate In Religious Studies –

**CCRS** – If you are an active member of the parish, catechist, teacher or someone interested in increasing your knowledge of your faith, the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies maybe for you. A Course is running at the University Chaplaincy in Falmer, to find out more information see leaflet on noticeboard or contact Kate Williamson on [k.williamson@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:k.williamson@brighton.ac.uk) tel: 07810 596575 or visit the website: [ccrs@brighton](mailto:ccrs@brighton)

### Interested in Teaching in Catholic Primary or Secondary Schools?

If you are interested in training to teach in a Catholic school, the inspire Teaching School Alliance is recruiting for September 2015 & September 2016 for primary and secondary applicants in a range of subjects. Visit the website at: [www.inspiretsa.co.uk/school-direct.htm](http://www.inspiretsa.co.uk/school-direct.htm) . If you would like to find out more, please contact Vanessa Milne at St Paul's Catholic College : [vmilne@stpaulscc.co.uk](mailto:vmilne@stpaulscc.co.uk)

*"If the soul is seeking God, know that the Beloved is seeking the soul much more" St John of the Cross*